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COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449 with eleven (11) references.

Substitute Specification.

Small Entity status:

has previously been claimed/established.

is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, as [] an Independent Inventor, or [] a

Small Business Concern, or [] a Non-Profit Organization.

The additional claim fees have been calculated as follows:

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